

## Deauville, France



Deauville, France became Lexington's first Sister City in 1957.

Lexington and Deauville, recognized as centers of the thoroughbred industry in their countries, both feel their communities derive from the Sister Cities relationship mutual benefit on cultural, economic and educational levels.

Deauville is located on the channel coast near the port of LeHavre and 100 miles northwest of Paris. It is a seaside resort with a population of 8,000 in the winter and swelling to 100,000 during vacation season.

If you visit Deauville, you will enjoy the beach, horse racing, the casino, the American Film Festival and much more. Deauville is truly a world of elegance and leisure.

## County Kildare, Ireland

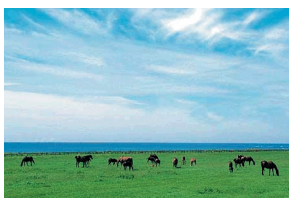


County Kildare, Ireland became Lexington's second Sister City in 1984. As the center of the thoroughbred horse industry in Ireland and the home of the Irish National Stud, the top breeding facility in Ireland, County Kildare's history of contact with Lexington and its horse interest made a logical match for the two communities.

County Kildare is only 25 km from the center of Dublin and the main roads west (Galway) and south (Cork and Limerick) cross the county.

Visiting County Kildare and the Emerald Isle, you will enjoy the beautiful medieval castles and towers. Also, the county is home to many of the world's most respected golf courses, museums, parks, rivers and the famous Irish Derby. Above all, you will find many friendly people.

## Shizunai, Japan



Lexington officially twinned with Shizunai, Japan in 1988 as part of the festivities during the Sister Cities International Conference in Lexington. Shizunai is the "Heart of the Horse Industry" in Japan.

There are many thoroughbred farms surrounding the city with Japan's top stallions standing in this area. Shizunai provides Japan with its largest sales pavilion for auctioning horses.

Shizunai is located on Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, and has a population of 26,000.

If you visit Shizunai, you will enjoy its scenic beauty of mountains, sea, rolling meadows and lakes. It is an area blessed with natural beauty, located at the foot of the Hikada mountain range and facing the Pacific Ocean. In the spring when the cherry blossoms are in bloom, it is breathtaking.

## Newmarket, England



Newmarket, England became Lexington's fourth Sister City in 2003.

Newmarket is the "Headquarters and Home of British Racing," as well as a thriving market town. With some 3,000 horses in training within the boundaries, and some of the country's most important thoroughbred studs just a stone's throw from the town centre, it is truly the centre of the Sport of Kings.

Newmarket is located on the Suffolk/Cambridgeshire borders, 12 miles from Cambridge, home of the world famous university, and only 60 miles from the city of London.

Visiting Newmarket and the beautiful Forest Heath area in East Anglia, you'll experience not only world-class horse racing, but also art museums, extraordinary Cathedrals, Britain's largest lowland pine forest and welcoming market towns.

## Lexington Sister Cities Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Categories:

___ Youth (18 and under)	\$5
___ Individual	\$25
___ Family (Includes children under 18)	\$45
___ Corporate	\$250
___ Lifetime Ambassador (Individuals only)	\$500

### Areas of volunteer interest:

___ Host Family	___ Dinner Host
___ Transportation	___ Fundraiser
___ Tour Guide	___ Special Events
___ Newsletter	
___ Accompany visitors on outings	
___ Translator (French or Japanese)	
___ Deauville, France Committee	
___ County Kildare, Ireland Committee	
___ Shizunai, Japan Committee	
___ Newmarket, England Committee	

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## Sister Cities International

A Sister City relationship is created when an American community joins with a community in another nation to develop friendly and meaningful exchanges. The ideal affiliation involves a large number of citizens and organizations in both communities engaged in continuing projects of mutual interest.

The Sister City program as a national concept was launched at the White House in 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower called for massive exchanges between Americans and the people of other lands. This was his way of helping to promote world peace. Hundreds of American cities responded and Lexington was one of the first when it twinned with Deauville, France in 1957.

Sister Cities International is a tax exempt, non-profit association headquartered in Washington, DC and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The national association provides a mechanism for U.S. cities to enter this program by assisting them in the process of linking with a city in another country.

## Lexington Sister Cities Commission

- Oversees and assists the Deauville, Kildare, Shizunai and Newmarket Committees with projects and programs.
- Assists the government in proper reception of the many foreign visitors and dignitaries who frequent the Lexington area annually.
- Assists the government in international trade relations and promotion.
- Assists the government and its agencies in tourism and travel promotion on the international and national levels.
- Maintains direct contact with Sister Cities International and initiates contact with networking agencies in the Lexington area and state.
- Informs and educates the public concerning the operation of the Commission and the active programs.
- Assists other cities in Kentucky participating in the Sister Cities program.

## The Sister Cities Program offers the opportunity to:

- Learn about and participate in international relations.
- Experience other cultures, language, art, music and ideas.
- Understand the economics of world trade and tourism and increase our international business partnerships.
- Participate in cooperative community programs based on diversity.



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